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MEMORANDUM

Mr. Melvyn Levitsky  
Executive Secretary, Department of State

Colonel William M. Matz, Jr.  
Executive Secretary, Department of Defense

Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
Executive Secretary, National Security Council

  
Executive Secretary, Central Intelligence Agency

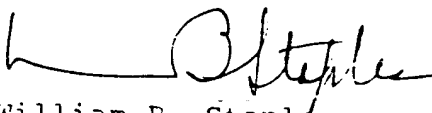
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RADM Joseph Strasser  
Executive Assistant to the Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Congressional Request for Information Regarding  
Unarmed Pilotless Vehicles (UPVs)

Attached is a letter from William Shepard, Director of Congressional Affairs, in response to a Congressional request for material from the SALT II negotiating record. Mr. Robert Bell of the Senate Armed Services Committee asked that ACDA provide information on Unarmed Pilotless Vehicles (UPVs). At the request of the NSC Legislative Affairs Office, we are requesting interagency clearance on our response.

Please provide comments to Barbara Starr (647-1085) by COB, Monday, June 13, 1988.

  
William B. Staples  
Executive Secretary

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DIRECTOR OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS  
UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

Washington, D.C. 20451

Dear Bob:

In response to your request of Tom Graham that he provide you with background material from the SALT II negotiating record regarding Unarmed Pilotless Vehicles (UPVs), the following material is provided. (u)

A preliminary review of the SALT II Treaty's negotiating record for the period January-April, 1979 indicates that the U.S. and the USSR did discuss and reach an understanding as to what kinds of vehicles could be considered to be unarmed, pilotless, guided vehicles (UPVs) for the purposes of paragraph 8 of Article II of the Treaty. The negotiating record shows that UPVs with a range capability in excess of 600 kilometers were considered by the U.S. and the USSR to include:

- (a) target drones (e.g., for the testing of air defenses);
- (b) penetration aids (i.e., pen aids); and
- (c) reconnaissance or recce vehicles (including those types capable of round trip flights). (S)

During the negotiations, the Soviets specifically referred to three U.S. UPVs, which they designated as "34A, 34B, and 21." The U.S. in internal memoranda referred to two Soviet UPVs, namely, "a ground-launched battlefield reconnaissance UPV with range in excess of 600 km" and "the luggage ground-launched reconnaissance vehicle, which has a range of about 3,000 km." The U.S. side also indicated that UPVs were any vehicles that were not weapon-delivery vehicles. (S)

I hope you find the information useful. If you have additional questions, please contact our Congressional office at 647-1085. (u)

Sincerely,

William S. Shepard

Mr. Robert Bell  
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